

Safety Data Sheet

Thistle® Finishing Plaster





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According to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex II, as amended. Commission Regulation (EU) No 2015/830 of 28 May 2015.

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product name Thistle Finishing Plaster

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses Gypsum building plaster.

Uses advised against No specific uses advised against are identified.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification (EC 1272/2008)

Physical hazards Not Classified

Health hazards Not Classified

Environmental hazards Not Classified

Human health Dust may irritate the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.
 Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moisture or when mixed with water. May cause irritation. Prolonged contact with moist or wet product may cause burns.

2.2. Label elements

Hazard statements NC Not Classified

Precautionary statements P102 Keep out of reach of children.

2.3. Other hazards

This product does not contain any substances classified as PBT or vPvB.
 Avoid inhalation of dust. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.

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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2. Mixtures

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate		50 - 100%
CAS number: 7778-18-9	EC number: 231-900-3	REACH registration number: 01-2119444918-26-XXXX
Substance with National workplace exposure limits.		
Classification		
Not Classified		

The full text for all hazard statements is displayed in Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

General information	Get medical attention if any discomfort continues. Show this Safety Data Sheet to the medical personnel.
Inhalation	Move affected person to fresh air and keep warm and at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as collar, tie or belt.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Give a few small glasses of water or milk to drink. Stop if the affected person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless under the direction of medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as collar, tie or belt.
Skin contact	Brush off loose particles from skin. Remove affected person from source of contamination. Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms are severe or persist after washing.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids wide apart. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms are severe or persist after washing.
Protection of first aiders	First aid personnel should wear appropriate protective equipment during any rescue.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

General information	See Section 11 for additional information on health hazards. The severity of the symptoms described will vary dependent on the concentration and the length of exposure.
Inhalation	Dust may irritate the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.
Ingestion	May cause discomfort if swallowed. May cause stomach pain or vomiting.
Skin contact	Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moisture or when mixed with water. May cause irritation. Redness. Prolonged contact with moist or wet product may cause burns.
Eye contact	Particles in the eyes may cause irritation and smarting. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moisture or when mixed with water. May cause irritation. Redness. Prolonged contact with moist or wet product may cause burns.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Specific treatments	No special treatment required.
Notes for the doctor	Treat symptomatically.

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SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media The product is not flammable. Extinguish with alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or water fog. Use fire-extinguishing media suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing media Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards Plaster may form an alkaline solution when mixed with water.

Hazardous combustion products Thermal decomposition or combustion products may include the following substances: Harmful gases or vapours.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protective actions during firefighting Avoid breathing fire gases or vapours. Evacuate area. Cool containers exposed to heat with water spray and remove them from the fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

Special protective equipment for firefighters Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and appropriate protective clothing. Firefighter's clothing conforming to European standard EN469 (including helmets, protective boots and gloves) will provide a basic level of protection for chemical incidents.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions No action shall be taken without appropriate training or involving any personal risk. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away from the spillage. Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid inhalation of dust. Follow precautions for safe handling described in this safety data sheet. Wash thoroughly after dealing with a spillage.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Avoid discharge to the aquatic environment. Large Spillages: Inform the relevant authorities if environmental pollution occurs (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Clear up spills immediately and dispose of waste safely. Reuse or recycle products wherever possible. Approach the spillage from upwind. Avoid generation and spreading of dust. Small Spillages: Remove spillage with vacuum cleaner or collect with a shovel and broom, or similar. Large Spillages: Collect spillage with a shovel and broom, or similar and reuse, if possible. Collect and place in suitable waste disposal containers and seal securely. Containers with collected spillage must be properly labelled with correct contents and hazard symbol. Flush contaminated area with plenty of water. Wash thoroughly after dealing with a spillage. Dispose of waste to licensed waste disposal site in accordance with the requirements of the local Waste Disposal Authority.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Reference to other sections For personal protection, see Section 8. For waste disposal, see Section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

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Usage precautions	Keep out of the reach of children. Read and follow manufacturer's recommendations. Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Keep container tightly sealed when not in use. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moisture or when mixed with water. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged skin contact. Avoid generation and spreading of dust. Avoid handling which leads to dust formation. Avoid inhalation of dust.
Advice on general occupational hygiene	Wash promptly if skin becomes contaminated. Take off contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking and using the toilet. Change work clothing daily before leaving workplace.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage precautions	Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store in a dry place. Store in accordance with local regulations.
Storage class	Unspecified storage.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

Specific end use(s)	The identified uses for this product are detailed in Section 1.2.
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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/Personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 10 mg/m³ inhalable dust

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 4 mg/m³ respirable dust

Calcium dihydroxide

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 5 mg/m³

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 1 mg/m³ respirable fraction

Short-term exposure limit (15-minute): WEL 4 mg/m³ respirable fraction

Quartz (SiO₂)

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 0.1 mg/m³ respirable dust

[Listed as: Silica, respirable crystalline]

Quartz (SiO₂)

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 6 mg/m³ inhalable dust

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 2.4 mg/m³ respirable dust

[Listed as: Silica, amorphous]

WEL = Workplace Exposure Limit.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS: 7778-18-9)

DNEL	Workers - Inhalation; Long term systemic effects: 21.17 mg/m ³
	Workers - Inhalation; Short term systemic effects: 5082 mg/m ³
	General population - Inhalation; Long term systemic effects: 5.29 mg/m ³
	General population - Inhalation; Short term systemic effects: 3811 mg/m ³
	General population - Oral; Long term systemic effects: 1.52 mg/kg/day
	General population - Oral; Short term systemic effects: 11.4 mg/kg/day
PNEC	STP; 100 mg/l

Calcium dihydroxide (CAS: 1305-62-0)

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DNEL Workers - Inhalation; Long term local effects: 1 mg/m³
 Workers - Inhalation; Short term local effects: 4 mg/m³
 General population - Inhalation; Long term local effects: 1 mg/m³
 General population - Inhalation; Short term local effects: 4 mg/m³

PNEC Fresh water; 0.49 mg/l
 Fresh water, Intermittent release; 0.49 mg/l
 marine water; 0.32 mg/l
 STP; 3 mg/l
 Soil; 1080 mg/kg

(+)-Tartaric acid (CAS: 87-69-4)

DNEL Workers - Inhalation; Long term systemic effects: 5.2 mg/m³
 Workers - Dermal; Long term systemic effects: 2.9 mg/kg/day
 General population - Inhalation; Long term systemic effects: 1.3 mg/m³
 General population - Dermal; Long term systemic effects: 1.5 mg/kg/day
 General population - Oral; Long term systemic effects: 8.1 mg/kg/day

PNEC Fresh water; 0.312 mg/l
 Fresh water, Intermittent release; 0.514 mg/l
 marine water; 0.312 mg/l
 STP; 10 mg/l
 Sediment (Freshwater); 1.141 mg/kg
 Sediment (Marinewater); 1.141 mg/kg
 Soil; 0.045 mg/kg

8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

As this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls should be used to keep worker exposure below any statutory or recommended limits, if use generates dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist. Provide extract ventilation at the points where emissions occur. Ensure the ventilation system is regularly maintained and tested.

Eye/face protection

Eyewear complying with an approved standard should be worn if a risk assessment indicates eye contact is possible. Personal protective equipment for eye and face protection should comply with European Standard EN166. The following protection should be worn: Dust-resistant, chemical splash goggles.

Hand protection

Wear protective gloves. The most suitable glove should be chosen in consultation with the glove supplier/manufacturer, who can provide information about the breakthrough time of the glove material. To protect hands from chemicals, gloves should comply with European Standard EN374. Considering the data specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are retaining their protective properties and change them as soon as any deterioration is detected. Frequent changes are recommended.

Other skin and body protection

Wear appropriate clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact.

Hygiene measures

Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Clean equipment and the work area every day. Good personal hygiene procedures should be implemented. Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking and using the toilet. When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

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Respiratory protection	Respiratory protection complying with an approved standard should be worn if a risk assessment indicates inhalation of contaminants is possible. Respirator selection must be based on exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Ensure all respiratory protective equipment is suitable for its intended use and is 'CE'-marked. Check that the respirator fits tightly and the filter is changed regularly.
Environmental exposure controls	Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Powder.
Colour	Pink.
Odour	Odourless.
Odour threshold	Not determined.
pH	Wet product: 11-13
Melting point	No information available.
Initial boiling point and range	Not applicable.
Flash point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Evaporation factor	Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	No information available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No information available.
Vapour pressure	No information available.
Relative density	No information available.
Solubility(ies)	Slightly soluble in water.
Partition coefficient	No information available.
Auto-ignition temperature	No information available.
Decomposition Temperature	No information available.
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Explosive properties	Not considered to be explosive.
Oxidising properties	Does not meet the criteria for classification as oxidising.

9.2. Other information

Other information	None.
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SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Reactivity	See the other subsections of this section for further details.
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10.2. Chemical stability

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Stability Stable at normal ambient temperatures and when used as recommended. Stable under the prescribed storage conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions No potentially hazardous reactions known.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid Avoid handling which leads to dust formation.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid Avoid contact with acids.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products Does not decompose when used and stored as recommended.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Toxicological effects Not regarded as a health hazard under current legislation.

Acute toxicity - oral

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - dermal

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - inhalation

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Respiratory sensitisation

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Skin sensitisation

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Summary Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

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Aspiration hazard

Summary Not relevant. Solid.

General information

This product has not been tested on animals. Data for ingredients is based on historical evidence.

Inhalation

Dust may irritate the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.

Ingestion

May cause discomfort if swallowed. May cause stomach pain or vomiting.

Skin contact

Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moisture or when mixed with water. May cause irritation. Redness. Prolonged contact with moist or wet product may cause burns.

Eye contact

Dust may cause slight irritation. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moisture or when mixed with water. May cause irritation. Redness. Prolonged contact with moist or wet product may cause burns.

Route of exposure

Ingestion Inhalation Skin and/or eye contact

Target organs

No specific target organs known.

Toxicological information on ingredients.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

Toxicological effects

The toxicity of this substance has been assessed during REACH registration. Not regarded as a health hazard under current legislation.

Acute toxicity - oral

Notes (oral LD₅₀)

LD₅₀ >2000 mg/kg, Oral, Rat

Acute toxicity - inhalation

Notes (inhalation LC₅₀)

LC₅₀ >3.26 mg/l, 4 hours, Dust/Mist Rat

Skin corrosion/irritation

Animal data

Dose: 0.5 g, 4 hours, Rabbit Erythema/eschar score: No erythema (0). Oedema score: No oedema (0). Not irritating.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Serious eye damage/irritation

Dose: 100 mg, , Rabbit Not irritating.

Skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation

Buehler test - Guinea pig: Not sensitising.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Genotoxicity - in vitro

Bacterial reverse mutation test: Negative.

Genotoxicity - in vivo

DNA damage and/or repair: Negative.

Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenicity

Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity

Summary

This substance has no evidence of toxicity to reproduction.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

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STOT - single exposure Not classified as a specific target organ toxicant after a single exposure.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

STOT - repeated exposure Not classified as a specific target organ toxicant after repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

Aspiration hazard Not relevant.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Not regarded as dangerous for the environment. However, large or frequent spills may have hazardous effects on the environment. The product may affect the acidity (pH) of water which may have hazardous effects on aquatic organisms.

12.1. Toxicity

Toxicity Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Ecological information on ingredients.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

Toxicity Not toxic at limit of water solubility.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability The product contains mainly inorganic substances which are not biodegradable.

Ecological information on ingredients.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

Biodegradation Substance is inorganic.
Not relevant.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulative potential No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient No information available.

Ecological information on ingredients.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

Bioaccumulative potential Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Mobility Slightly soluble in water. Hardens in contact with water.

Ecological information on ingredients.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

Mobility The product has poor water-solubility.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment This product does not contain any substances classified as PBT or vPvB.

Ecological information on ingredients.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate

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Results of PBT and vPvB assessment This substance is not classified as PBT or vPvB according to current EU criteria.

12.6. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects None known.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

General information The generation of waste should be minimised or avoided wherever possible. Reuse or recycle products wherever possible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Disposal of this product, process solutions, residues and by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any local authority requirements.

Disposal methods Dispose of surplus products and those that cannot be recycled via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste packaging should be collected for reuse or recycling. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of the local water authority.

SECTION 14: Transport information

General The product is not covered by international regulations on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

14.1. UN number

Not applicable.

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Not applicable.

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

No transport warning sign required.

14.4. Packing group

Not applicable.

14.5. Environmental hazards

Environmentally hazardous substance/marine pollutant

No.

14.6. Special precautions for user

Not applicable.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

National regulations Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (as amended).
The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No. 1348) (as amended) ["CDG 2009"].
EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits.

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EU legislation

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (as amended).
 Commission Regulation (EU) No 2015/830 of 28 May 2015.
 Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (as amended).

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet	<p>ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road.</p> <p>ADN: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways.</p> <p>RID: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail.</p> <p>IATA: International Air Transport Association.</p> <p>ICAO: Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.</p> <p>IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods.</p> <p>CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.</p> <p>ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate.</p> <p>LC₅₀: Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population.</p> <p>LD₅₀: Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose).</p> <p>EC₅₀: 50% of maximal Effective Concentration.</p> <p>PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance.</p> <p>vPvB: Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative.</p>
Key literature references and sources for data	REACH dossier information. Source: European Chemicals Agency, http://echa.europa.eu/
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